

House Resolution No. 950

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Barker Shannon, who has distinguished himself as the proud and worthy recipient of the prestigious 2003 Republican Service Award; and

Whereas, a sixth-generation Republican, Barker Shannon has compiled an enviable list of service to such important organizations as the Mountain Grove High School Alumni Memorial Foundation, the Ozarks Chapter of the Property Rights Congress, and T.A.R.G.E.T., of which he has served as president, treasurer, and board member many times over; and

Whereas, a committed conservative and dedicated Republican who has served as an advisor and campaign worker for various Republican candidates, Barker Shannon has enjoyed an impressive career in education with the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and as a Principal in the Jefferson City School District, Willow Springs School District, and teacher in Earlimart, California; and

Whereas, a gentleman farmer and part-time realtor, Barker Shannon is often the voice of reason in heated disputes, encourages serious debate on the issues affecting individuals or the good of the country, and defuses tense situations with his wonderful sense of humor; and

Whereas, born December 25, 1934, Barker Shannon received his education at Fairview School and taught there for two years following his graduation from high school, and continued his education at the University of Missouri and at the University of California-Fresno; and

Whereas, Barker Shannon was asked to join the United States Army, where he served in the 115th CIC Detachment, worked in counter-intelligence, and was stationed in Baltimore, Maryland, and Oakland, California; and

Whereas, Barker Shannon has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include his proud parents; his sister, Gerry Roy; his good friend and legal guardian "Goofus the Amazing Canine"; and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, other family members, and friends:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Barker Shannon upon his most worthy receipt of the 2003 Republican Service Award, and in wishing him only the very best as he continues to serve as an inspiration to all those who know and love him; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Barker Shannon, as a mark of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Van Kelly
District No. 144

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and

correct copy of House Resolution No. 950, adopted March 19, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker